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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Raymond P. Pieroni of McHenry, who passed away on April 6, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Pieroni was born on June 17, 1923, in Chicago; his parents were Ernesto and Teresa Pieroni; he married Mabel D. Pioli on January 13, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Pieroni served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; he served in the western Pacific as a gunner's mate aboard the USS Maddox and was severely injured when the Maddox was struck by a kamikaze aircraft on January 21, 1945; he received the World War II Victory Medal and a Purple Heart for his service; and

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WHEREAS, While living in Chicago, Raymond Pieroni spent his summers in McHenry for many years before moving to McHenry with his family in 1949; he and his family founded and operated the original Bimbo's restaurant since 1949; after flourishing as a popular restaurant in McHenry for many years, the family operation was sold in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Pieroni enjoyed many Navy reunions throughout the years and was a member of the American Legion

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1 Post 491 and VFW Post 4600 in McHenry; he was also a member of
2 St. Patrick Catholic Church in McHenry, Moose Lodge 691 in
3 McHenry, and Woodstock Elk Lodge 1143; and

4 WHEREAS, Raymond Pieroni and his wife received recognition
5 by a national company and local publications for their
6 Christmas decorations and design and for promoting family
7 traditions during the holidays; he was a gifted handyman and
8 enjoyed playing cards and spending time with his loving family;
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10 WHEREAS, Raymond Pieroni was preceded in death by his
11 parents; his wife, Mabel; and his brother, Ernest "Jr."; and

12 WHEREAS, Raymond Pieroni is survived by his children, Renee
13 (Michael) Carberry, Denise Pieroni, and Raymond (Nancy)
14 Pieroni; his grandchildren, Brian Carberry, Derek Pack, Daniel
15 Carberry, Kevin Pack, Elizabeth Pieroni, Caitlin Pieroni, and
16 Michaela Pieroni; his brother, Edward; his sister, Diana
17 (Chuck) Tonyan; and his sister-in-law, Julie; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Raymond P. Pieroni; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Raymond Pieroni as an expression of
3 our sympathy.